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## ENIGMA

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### PARAPSYCHOLOGIST DISCUSSES UFO'S

Mark Shafer, Ph.D., member of the research staff of the McDonnell Laboratory for Physical Research at Washington University, will lecture on "The Significance of UFOs", 2 p.m., Sunday, March 13 at 110 West Lockwood (Lockwood near Gore St.) in Webster Groves, MO. He has become known to St. Louis area residents through his parapsychology lecture series at Forest Park and Florissant Valley Colleges, U.M.S.L. and Washington U.; and through his experimental workshops held regularly in O'Fallon and Castlewood.

Dr. Shafer will tell about his sighting of a UFO and will discuss how the subject of UFO research has been important to him and many other scientists. As he coordinates UFOs with psychic phenomena, he will also touch on "What Psychic Phenomena Suggest." The theory will lead to a possible explanation of PSI powers in terms of Physics. As part of the supportive data, he will relay information from his own parapsychological research and will speculate on lessons which may already have been taught us.

According to Irene Alexander, President of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., sponsor of the lecture, Mark Shafer's speech is one the public should not miss. "Mark combines hard data and a scientist's objectivity with interesting anecdotes and winsome humor. He has been a crowd-pleaser every time he addressed our group; and each time he has something new to share." Viola Echele, Chairperson of the Parapsychological Committee of the UFO Study Group echoes the encouragement to attend. "Mark has an international reputation as a PSI researcher. The question and answer period in which you can get information you need from an expert is worth the time and travel. Anyone interested in PSI or ESP should not miss this special program."

Free-will donations will be received to defray expenses.

### JOE PALERMO WINS STUDY GROUP AUDIENCE

Film writer-Producer Joseph Palermo gave a very intriguing and convincing account of his experiences with an unidentified "monster" near the lake at Creve Coeur Park. More than 76 members and guests attended his lecture "The Monsters Among Us" at the February 13 meeting of the UFO Study Group.

St. Louis Post Dispatch reporter Charlotte Grimes interviewed several people attending the meeting. She wrote a very objective essay "UFO Group Pursues Interest In The Strange" published Section A, page 6 in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, February 14, 1983. The Executive Board takes this opportunity to express thanks for a thematically sound news item, both light in tone and accurate.

### ST. CHARLES GROUP AT PLANETARIUM

By Bruce Widaman

The St. Charles Study Group invites all UFO Study Group members to join them at the McDonnell Planetarium, Forest Park, 2 p.m., Sunday March 27. The program "Exploring Alien Worlds" discusses the potential life and types of life on different planets in various solar systems.

Those wanting discounted tickets at about \$2 each should contact Bruce Widaman, 946-1394 to list reservations. Notify the ticket seller at the planetarium that you are members of the UFO Study Group and ask for the discount prior to ticket purchase.

### INVESTIGATORS' MEET: DISCUSS MAPS

By Clifford Palmberg

The Field Investigators met, Monday, February 7, 7:30 p.m. at Chuck Adams home. Seven people were present. They reviewed various types of maps (geological, topographical, and geographical) to determine the particular value of each in investigation. The "Earthquake" article in Sunday, February 6 Post Dispatch led to an evaluation of fault compression as a cause of ionization and UFO reports. The Dittmer case in progress was also discussed. Various publications were received and suggestions were made for library purchases.

The next Investigators' meeting will be held at Chuck Adams home, Monday, March 7. All investigators and apprentices are expected to attend unless they have an excused absence.

### STUDY GROUP BANQUET ANNOUNCED

By Melva Hageman

The UFO Study Group Banquet Committee, headed by Frank Brown states that the Annual Awards Banquet is tentatively set for 6 p.m. June 12 at the Flaming Pit, 11715 Manchester Road.

Clifford Palmberg is to invite our former President, John Schuessler, project director for McDonnell Aircraft and investigator of the famous Cash-Landrum Case, as our featured speaker. The proposed ticket price is \$12.

Other members of the Banquet Committee are Melva Hageman, Viola Echele, Linda Elliott, Powell Adams, and John Schroeder.

### AFGHAN FUND-RAISER ANNOUNCED

By Rosetta Holmes

A correspondent from California is crocheting a beautiful, double bed size afghan for the UFO Study Group's Picnic Fund-Raiser Raffle. The colors will be pink and magenta. The value of the time involved alone runs into hundreds of dollars. Look in the next issue of the UFO Enigma for donations expected for the raffle tickets.

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## MARYLAND HEIGHTS DISC REPORT

By Bruce Widaman and Bob Padella

Summarized by John E. Schroeder

This is the first publication of a report given March 4, 1982 concerning a multiple witness UFO seen in North St. Louis, 6:45 p.m., September 6, 1975. The weather was mild. The evening sky was still light. Just a few scudding clouds interrupted otherwise clear visibility.

A number of youthful witnesses were playing catch with a football in front of Michael Smalley's friend's home on Laurel View Lane in Maryland Heights, MO. When Michael looked up to catch a ball thrown his direction, he saw two disc shaped objects, silver white in color, proceeding from the south to the north. Michael, about 12 years old, at first thought the objects might be balloons because they apparently moved with a jerky motion. Their speed quickly ruled out the balloon theory.

Michael pointed the objects out to give friends (four boys and a girl), who became noisy and excited witnesses. Michael ran home to get his father's binoculars. Instead, hearing the shouting, Victor Smalley-- who had worked with aircraft in the Navy and at McDonnell Aircraft-- ran out and saw what he at first interpreted as a flying wing. He, then, called his wife and son to bring him the binoculars fast. By the time his daughter Lisa brought the binoculars, the two round disclike objects were out of sight.

Both Michael and his father simultaneously observed a commercial aircraft in a flightpath approaching the faster moving discs. Looking in the direction of the unidentified objects' departure to the north-northeast, they saw other aircraft on landing approach at Lambert Field. Both primary witnesses were able to discriminate between familiar aircraft and the objects seen. Both considered the vehicles unknown.

Because of the time lapse (seven years) between the sighting and the giving of the report, the Field Investigators could not follow up the obvious correlation between the ground observance and sighting from the commercial airliner. Contact with other witnesses now scattered verified their existence and the fact that something strange was observed flying over. The objects were rated as daylight discs, not unusual, of ordinary strangeness.

## THREE SIGHTINGS IN ST. CHARLES

By John Roppolo

The St. Charles UFO Committee had its regular meeting Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit Restaurant, 1215 S. Duchesne in St. Charles. The group made plans to attend a program at the Planetarium on Sunday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. The program, entitled "Exploring Alien Worlds", attracted the interest of the group. All members of the Study Group are invited to attend.

Several sightings were reported briefly at the meeting. Two of these sightings occurred in the St. Charles County area, another incident was witnessed by a number of individuals in both St. Charles and St. Louis Counties, and a fourth sighting took place on the Mississippi in Northern Missouri. The St. Charles sightings took place

at different times, but were both of lights in the sky seen by multiple witnesses. In the case of one of these, a high-pitched hum was also heard during the appearance of the objects; and in the other case, a circle of lights outlined an object of apparently great magnitude.

Also present at the meeting was a witness to a triangular or wedge-shaped object which was seen moving across areas of St. Charles and St. Louis Counties only a few years ago. A number of people had reported seeing this object at the time, among them a prominent St. Louis radio personality.

The fourth aforementioned sighting was in the vicinity of La Grange, MO in 1973. A man who was working on a barge in the Mississippi River saw three nocturnal lights, white and blue in color, which moved rapidly and erratically.

Reports were given by Bruce Widaman on a July 1982 Toronto Sun article on William Moore and his work on the Roswell Incident, and also by Dorothy Eaton on the book The 12th Planet. The meeting ended at 9:43 p.m.

## PARAPSYCHOLOGY COMMITTEE STUDIES HOLISTIC HEALTH

By Viola Echele

Fourteen psychics were present at the Parapsychology Committee meeting Wednesday, February 2 at Schroeder's home. Chairperson Viola Echele welcomed the group and guests. John Schroeder told of a case where a clairvoyant vision revealed the location of a wallet a fellow church member had lost. Terri, a guest and friend of Dr. Pacelli Brion, told how a dark complected man would bring a negative influence in her life-- drugs? Apparently Dervish-like forms danced around her aura. She then met a former acquaintance, a dark-haired Lebanese man who invited her to a drug party. She, forewarned, refused. Ernie Joyce described Dr. Phillips lab experiments in mind reading which turned up two pseudo-psychics planted by Randi, the Magician who exposes parapsychology as fraudulent. Don Haskins explained his theory that coordinating auras is a source of psychic strength.

The main speaker, Shirley Walters demonstrated several modes of massage and particular techniques as a source of Holistic Health without medicines. When she retired from government service with a medical disability, her physician-- still a personal friend and consultant-- noted that allergies made most medicines life-threatening to her. She learned that the body responded to the set law of the universe-- order and balance. The Greeks idealized beauty and the Romans strength, while the Essenes linked things of the earth (cosmos) with the Divine.

Her demonstrations of massage on Clifford Palmberg, Linda Elliott, John Schroeder and Viola Echele included combing the aura, brushing the ears, palpitating the muscles and using creative tension-relaxation. "You are responsible for your body, God's marvelous creation. Holistic health helps you minister to your physical-spiritual-mental well-being and so prevent illness."

The next meeting will begin 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 2 at Rev. and Mrs. John Schroeders' home, 4991 Miami Street. John will discuss psychic evidence in police cases.